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# **Milk Production**

**Iowa:** Milk production in Iowa in August 2008 totalled 357 million pounds, 4 million pounds more than August 2007. The average number of milk cows, 215,000 head, was unchanged from August 2007. Production per cow averaged 1,660 pounds, 20 pounds more than a year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2007. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from July 2007. The July revision represented an

increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,717 pounds for August, 2 pounds below August 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 137,000 head more than August 2007, but 3,000 head less than July 2008.

#### Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 2007-2008

State	Milk Cows 1		Milk Per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Change from 2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	181	184	1,760	1,765	319	325	1.9
CA	1,819	1,843	1,900	1,840	3,456	3,391	-1.9
CO	119	130	1,975	1,930	235	251	6.8
FL	126	120	1,215	1,265	153	152	-0.7
ID	520	555	1,970	1,960	1,024	1,088	6.3
IL	103	102	1,480	1,455	152	148	-2.6
IN	166	166	1,670	1,605	277	266	-4.0
IA	215	215	1,640	1,660	353	357	1.1
KS	108	113	1,600	1,770	173	200	15.6
KY	88	88	1,035	1,000	91	88	-3.3
MI	338	348	1,915	1,840	647	640	-1.1
MN	463	465	1,555	1,560	720	725	0.7
MO	109	112	1,170	1,110	128	124	-3.1
NM	335	337	1,855	1,935	621	652	5.0
NY	625	626	1,640	1,690	1,025	1,058	3.2
OH	276	282	1,470	1,500	406	423	4.2
OR	114	114	1,665	1,685	190	192	1.1
PA	550	548	1,610	1,590	886	871	-1.7
TX	348	385	1,670	1,770	581	681	17.2
VT	139	140	1,540	1,535	214	215	0.5
VA	100	97	1,390	1,380	139	134	-3.6
WA	240	245	2,000	1,985	480	486	1.3
WI	1,248	1,252	1,645	1,655	2,053	2,072	0.9
23-State Total <sup>3</sup>	8,330	8,467	1,719	1,717	14,323	14,539	1.5

Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.